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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws. Some of the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 were cited in the German language European Search Report of EP 1 207 392, a brief translation of which is submitted herewith.

A fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the

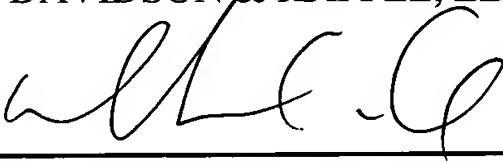
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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	A02	5,998,129	Dec. 7, 1999	Schütze et al.	435	4	
	A03	6,426,860	Jul. 30, 2002	Schubert et al.	361	234	
	A04	6,080,365	Jun. 27, 2000	Thiem et al.	422	99	
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	A10	WO 97/29354	Aug. 14, 1997	WIPO			Corresponds to U.S. 5,781,337		
	A11	DE 195 27 722	Feb. 6. 1997	DE-Germany			Corresponds to U.S. 6,080,365		
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	A14	DE 100 18 251	Oct. 25, 2001	DE-Germany			See brief translation of European Search Report for EP 01 12 6725		
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